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February 24, 1959

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Some years ago, when Henry Ford had invited many of us to attend the American Heritage Conference in Washington, you were the speaker and I had the pleasure of meeting you personally. For further identification, I think you know my brother-in-law, Paul H. Nitze, quite well.

For sometime we have been hoping that we could persuade you and Mrs. Dulles to attend for a fortnight, one of the Aspen Executives' programs. These begin in early June and run at two-week intervals throughout the summer, ending late in September. The attached folder will give you a little more detailed information. These sessions include reading assignments and seminar discussions for high officers of business. Also present are some of the top labor leaders, educators, gentlemen of government, men of science, and foreign diplomats.

Some of the Special Guests in the past have been three of the Supreme Court Justices, Messrs. Harlan, Black and Brennan; some of the foreign diplomats have included Sir Harold Caccia, Henrik de Kauffmann, Eelco van Kleffens, Sir Leslie Munro, etc.

Realizing that at this particular time you are no doubt unusually preoccupied with both governmental and personal matters, nevertheless, I was wondering whether you could give this matter some thought and let us know whether, in principle, you felt you might give favorable consideration to attending a session this summer. As you know, Washington and the rest of the country, is pretty hot and humid in the months of July and August, while Colorado is cool and pleasant. However, more seriously, we believe the Aspen Institute program is an extremely important one during the present state of our contemporary society, both nationally and internationally. Your presence would add further importance and distinction to a session.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles

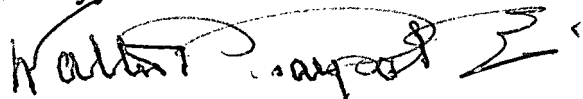
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Naturally, the Aspen Institute would want to have you and Mrs. Dulles as its guests. The trip by plane from Washington to Denver is a relatively simple one these days and then a twin-engine smaller plane flies guests to Aspen within forty-five minutes.

Do give this matter some thought and let me know at your convenience whether it might be possible for you to come. A final decision need not be made for two or three months.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Walter P. Paepcke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Walter P. Paepcke
Chairman of the Board

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THE ASPEN EXECUTIVES' PROGRAM

"If we and, more important, our successors are to meet the challenge of leadership, we need a philosophy which goes beyond slogans. We need a philosophy we can defend because we understand it, both in its sources and its consequences. We can't come upon such a philosophy or such an understanding by accident."

- WHAT** A program designed to expand the executive's understanding of his role in society and the responsibilities that go with leadership.
- HOW** By means of assigned readings and seminar discussions with outstanding leaders from education, government, religion, labor, science, business and the law.
- WHO** Top executives of business, labor and the professions and those on their way to leadership.
- WHERE** Aspen, Colorado, a beautiful mountain village west and across the Continental Divide from Denver.
- WHEN** Five two-week sessions every summer.

The modern executive is highly trained for his business responsibilities. He understands research, production methods and cost controls. He is deeply concerned with his personnel, interested in public relations, carefully follows his sales and understands finance. He is well prepared, has good judgment and is incisive in his business decisions—

- BUT** Has he had the opportunity, or taken the time to analyze his role in society, the role of "business" or his position as a business leader?
- Does he understand the sources of strength or the potential weaknesses in our society?
- Does he know what he believes in and why?
- Does he have sufficient confidence in the rightness of his beliefs to express his views courageously?
- Is he articulate in expression and effective in providing leadership to preserve our greatest strengths?
- Is he aware of his obligation to champion the principles upon which personal freedom and the free economy are founded?

WHO IS BEHIND IT?

The Aspen Executives' Program is presented by the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Colorado. Mr. Walter P. Paepcke, Chairman of the Board, Container Corporation of America, is President of the Institute, and Mr. Glen A. Lloyd, Chicago attorney, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Chicago and former Assistant Director of Foreign Operations Administration is Vice President.

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The Aspen Executives' Program is not "just another college or intra-company summer program." It is not intended to teach marketing, finance, or business management. Rather, it is intended to develop

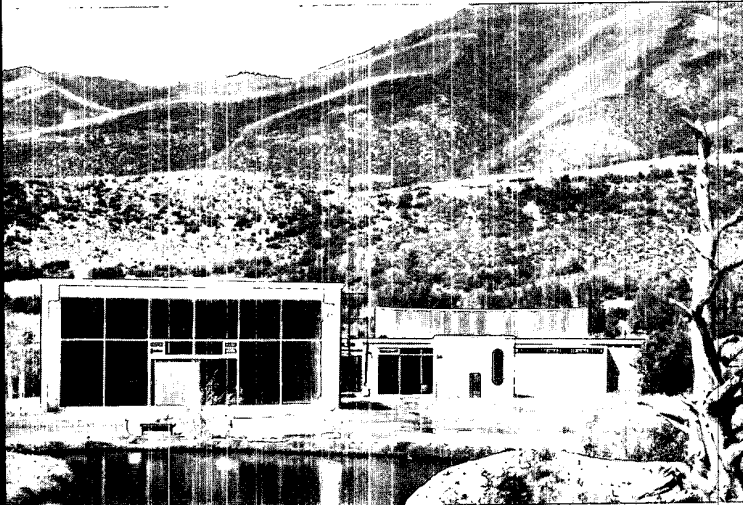
the executive's understanding of his role in our society and the goals toward which he can direct his life and the influence of the very important organization that he leads. It is designed to teach him more about himself and his responsibilities to others, and it does this by providing him with the opportunity for analysis, the stimulation of ideas and the challenge of discussion.

The Aspen seminar is not a high-pressure sales job for any pat formula or political creed, nor does it purport to offer a capsule education or cultural gloss in political history or theory in two easy weeks. What the seminar does offer is a chance for a group of men experienced in the responsibility of decision to take a breathing spell in the midst of the typical press of day-to-day demands, to reflect soberly on some basic problems of the nature of society and the individual's place in it.

participant's most rewarding intellectual exercise may occur while he is in a bathing suit, riding a horse or fishing in the companionship of men distinguished by achievement in fields other than business.

READING ASSIGNMENTS.

The assigned reading, in part, is intended to give the participant a brief "refresher course" in early American history, and to this end includes many well-known, but ill-remembered, American debates, discussions, and documents which played an important role in the development of our form of Government and our economy. In larger part, the readings are selected to present ideas which have influenced, or are currently influencing, the course of our society, including those written in opposition to many ideas which now pre-



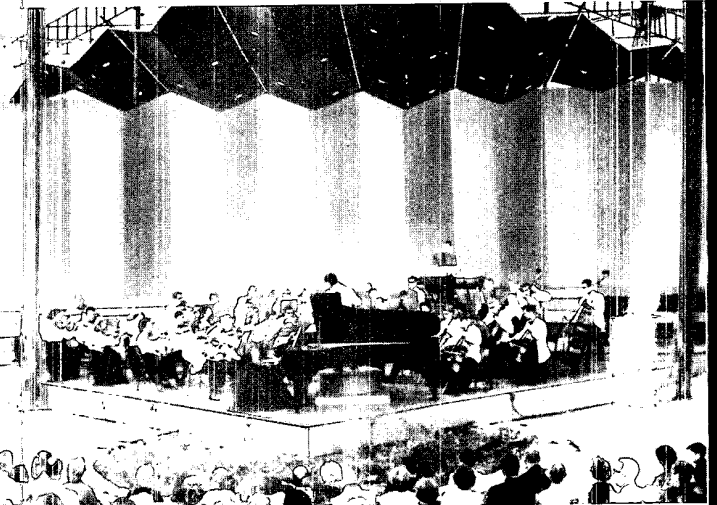
Aspen Health Center

WHAT METHODS ARE USED?

The effectiveness of the Aspen Executives' Program lies in the fact that participants are stimulated to develop their own convictions through exposure to—

1. Selected readings from the works of the world's great philosophers, scholars, economists, historians and political leaders.
2. Daily meetings with a varied and stimulating group for informal discussion of ideas found in the readings, with special emphasis on the application of these ideas to current problems.
3. Lectures and panel discussions by authorities on international affairs two evenings a week, each followed the next morning by informal discussion with the leaders.

Not the least of Aspen's advantages is the frequent opportunity—at mealtime and during hours of recreation—to pursue with leaders of divergent backgrounds the discussions that originate in the seminars or following the lectures and panels. Indeed, some of a



Aspen Music Festival

vail. Thus, the great conflicts by which America has been, and is being, shaped are presented. Through the impact of these readings and the stimulation of discussion relative thereto, the participant's own thinking in these areas is broadened and his own conclusions developed.

The daily reading assignments are substantial but can be read in an average of approximately one hour and a half. The specific assignments, and all books, are sent to the participant immediately upon registration. For maximum benefit, as well as to increase the participant's enjoyment of the opportunities while in Aspen, it is strongly recommended that he read as much as possible of the assigned material before leaving for Aspen. A compact multilithed folio of the readings is presented as well as the permanently bound set of "The People Shall Judge." Wives are encouraged to read in advance as well, and of course to take part as auditors.

LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

The distinguishing element in the Aspen program is the quality of its leaders and participants. It is not dependent on any one university

—or, indeed, any one country. Included among the moderators, lecturers, and special guests during the last few years, have been:

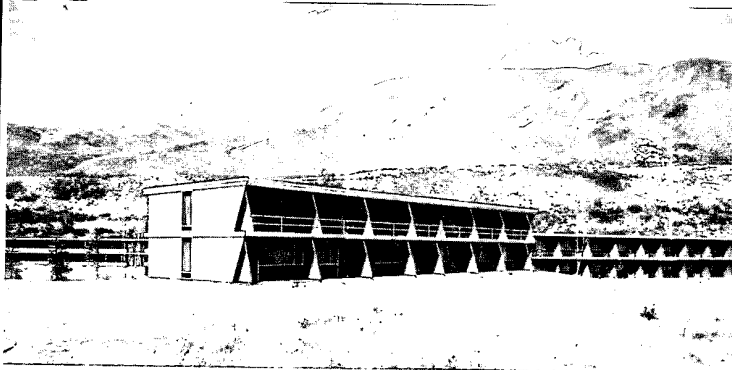
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Allen Kline, President, American Farm Bureau

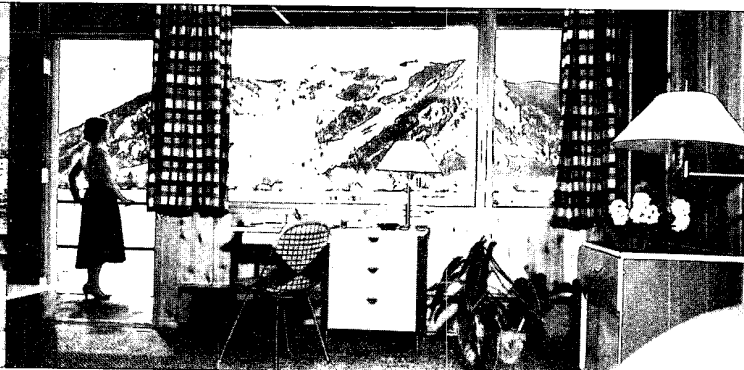
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Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President, University of Notre Dame
Willard Hurst, Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin
Humayun Kabir, Secretary to the Ministry of Education, New Delhi, India
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"Aspen Meadows" Lodge



Typical Lodge Interior

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*deceased

IT IS A FULL AND STIMULATING PROGRAM.

The Aspen Executives' Program is not a "vacation," in the conventional sense. Most participants find that the program, the readings, and the discussions in and outside the seminar, present a challenge at least as mentally strenuous as their regular business life. But most of them find, also, that the two weeks at Aspen have been a vacation in the deepest and original sense of that term—a "being free from" the usual round of immediacies, with the real refreshment that comes from truly new experience, in a new frame of reference.

THE LECTURE SERIES—"GREAT IDEAS OF WESTERN MAN"

Each week there will be at least one evening speaker on the subject "Great Ideas of Western Man."

At an informal meeting held on the morning following each lecture, the audience is invited to ask questions or challenge the points made by the evening speaker.

One other evening each week a panel of important visitors to Aspen discusses some aspect of international affairs. This is similarly followed by an open forum discussion the next morning.

ASPEN HEALTH CENTER

Participants in the Executive Seminars are invited at no extra charge to use the Aspen Health Center program of exercise, Sauna and massage during their stay.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Aspen is located in the center of the Colorado Rockies surrounded by a great mountain wilderness challenging the visitor to explore by

foot or horseback. There are many beautiful drives throughout the area and in almost every valley runs a turbulent trout stream.

The "Aspen Meadows" lodges, which were built to accommodate the executive participants and their wives, have an excellent swimming pool, tennis court, riding stables, etc., and the village of Aspen offers many interests and activities.

Even more interesting to many of the participants, however, are the opportunities to meet with the professional guests, the discussion leaders, lecturers and musicians, in informal discussions and exchange of ideas.



Seminar Building

THE ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Each year the world famous Aspen Music Festival brings to Aspen from June until September, an outstanding symphony orchestra. This year there will be a group of internationally known solo musicians with Izler Solomon conducting the Aspen Festival Orchestra.

THE EXECUTIVE PARTICIPANT

As the function of the program is to give to the business executive a broader understanding of his responsibility as a leader, the group is largely made up of the present chief executives, prospective leaders, and some younger executives, from many business organizations, both large and small, throughout the United States.

Representative companies which have sent one or more participants in the past five years include the following:

ACCOUNTING

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Colorado National Bank
Commercial National Bank, Muskogee, Oklahoma
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First National Bank of Chicago
Harris Trust Company, Chicago
Merchandise National Bank, Chicago
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New York Trust Company
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Life
U.S. News

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Science Research Associates

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Dayton's
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Marshall Field & Company

TRANSPORTATION

Railway Express Agency

UTILITIES

Equitable Gas Company, Pittsburgh
Iowa Public Service Company
Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company

REGISTRATION

Corporations expecting to attend are asked to indicate their intention to do so immediately and to specify the names of those attending.

With respect to the dates, the institute may request a change for late registrants in order that seminar groups may be kept reasonably small and evenly distributed throughout the program.

ADDRESS INQUIRIES TO: The Aspen Institute, Aspen, Colorado



Aspen Executives' Seminar in Session



THE ASPEN EXECUTIVES' PROGRAM



ASPEN, COLORADO SUMMER OF 1957

